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SUBJ: VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TABOR

REF: STATE 13701; TUNIS 420; BURROUGHS-GOYETTE TELECON JAN 29.

1. EMBASSY PLEASED WITH CONFIRMATION PER REF TELECON OF UNDER SECRETARY'S VISIT AND BELIEVES STOP IN TUNIS WILL BE PRODUCTIVE AS DEMONSTRATION OF HIGH-LEVEL USG INTEREST IN TUNISIA AS A TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNER. TIMING AFTER AYARI VISIT TO US AND BEFORE TIMAN VISIT HER PARTICULARLY FORTUITOUS.

2. AMBASSADOR WOULD BE VERY PLEASED IF U/SEC TABOR WOULD BE HIS GUEST AT RESIDENCE. CHIEF ECON SECTION LOGAN WOULD WELCOME HOSTLER AT HIS HOUSE. RESERVATIONS MADE AT HILTON FOR REMAINDER OF PARTY, WHICH WE UNDERSTAND NOW CONSISTS OF GOYETTE, BURROUGHS, AND CAMPBELL.

3. POSSIBLE PROGRAM AS DISCUSSED TELECON FOLLOWS:
FRIDAY, FEB 14, ARRIVAL ALITALIA 864 AT 1750; BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR AND STAFF AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT 1930; DINNER HOSTED BY TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT AT 2030.
SATURDAY, FEB 15, 0900, APPOINTMENT WITH TIJANI CHELLI, DIRECTOR GENERAL, INVESTMENT PROMOTION AGENCY; 1030,
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APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER (TENTATIVE); 1130,

APPOINTMENT WITH MUSTAPHA ZAAOUNI, ACTING MINISTER
OF PLAN; 1300, LUNCHEON-DISCUSSION HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR;
1530, TOUR CARTHAGE; 1730, DEPART TUNIS FOR PARIS.

4. MIN PLAN AYARI TOLD EMBASSY THAT WHILE HE WOULD
LIKE TO SEE TABLE DURING VISIT, HE WILL PROBABLY
ALREADY BE SHUTTLE BETWEEN TUNIS AND HIS NEW POST
AS PRESIDENT ARAB BANK FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT IN
KHARTOUM. HE SAID ZAAOUNI WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ACTING
MINISTER OF PLAN AT TIME TAVOR VISIT. UNFORTUNATELY,
MIN ECONOMY LASRAM WILL BE ATTENDING MEETING GROUP 77
OF UNCTAD AT ALGIERS IN MID FEBRUARY AND NO OTHER
OFFICIAL IN HIS MINISTRY APPROPRIATE FOR CALL BY TAVOR.
GOT AWARE OF PROPOSED TAVOR VISIT AND IS MAKING PLANS
FOR DINNER FEB 14.

5. AS STATED IN TELECON, EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT DURING
AMBASSADOR'S LUNCH, U/SEC TAVOR MAKES BRIEF STATEMENT
TO BE FOLLOWED BY INFORMAL DISCUSSION. (EMBASSY OFFICER
WILL INTERPRET FOR TAVOR) WHILE WE HAVE SUGGESTED THEME
OF HOW US TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES CAN HELP IMPLEMENT MAJOR
PROJECTS IN TUNISIA, OTHER TOPICS ALSO POSSIBLE DEPENDING
ON AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE TUNISIAN OFFICIALS.

6. TWO HIGH GIFTS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT UNDER
SECRETARY RECEIVES GIFTS. (TUNIS 568)

7. WHILE NO FORMAL PRESS STATEMENTS REQUIRED, U/SEC
TAVOR WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON ARRIVAL
AND DEPARTURE AND POSSIBLY AFTER CALLS ON MINISTERS
SHOULD THEY DEVELOP. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD SUGGESTIONS
FOR GENERAL LANGUAGE WHICH CAN BE USED AS APPROPRIATE
AND CAN MAKE FURTHER SUGGESTIONS ON TAVOR ARRIVAL.

8. WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS ON PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE
ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS FOLLOWING FURTHER COORDINATION
WITH TUNISIAN OFFICIALS.
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